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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the priority document submitted and filed in the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/309,768) on May 11, 1999 be officially considered of record.

A Notice of Allowability was issued in the divisional application (U.S. Application No. 10/721,243) on June 30, 2004. However, the Notice of Allowability did not acknowledge that the priority document had been received.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner officially acknowledge the priority document submitted on May 11, 1999.

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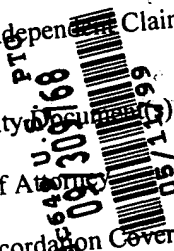
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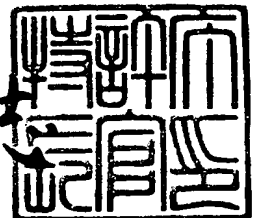
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